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in the Hydro-Electric areas. This restriction was also applicable to industrial loads in Coimbatore Town in April and May 1960.

(*b*) Yes, Sir.

(*c*) Current consumption charges based on lighting tariff was collected as penalty in all the cases except in one case where supply was restored after obtaining an undertaking that supply will not be utilised during the evening peak load hours. As it is usual only to disconnect supply for violation of restriction and control orders and reconnect supply after collecting charges for reconnection, the excess rates collected have since been refunded.

SRI T. P. SRINIVASAVARADAN : Is it a fact that the violation takes place only between the hours of 6 and 10 p.m.?

THE HON. SRI V. RAMAIAH : Wherever there is violation, they have been heavily penalised and they have been asked to pay heavy rates.

SRI T. P. SRINIVASAVARADAN : Is it a fact that by doing so, that is, violating the rules between 6 and 10 p.m., they gain more because the penalty imposed by the Government is nothing compared to the gain made by them?

THE HON. SRI V. RAMAIAH : If they are prepared to pay heavy penalty, they must naturally be earning more. But if they persist in violating the rules, we have a provision to disconnect the supply altogether. So, they are not normally prepared to face such drastic steps being taken against them.

SRI T. P. SRINIVASAVARADAN : May I know in how many cases the supply was disconnected?

THE HON. SRI V. RAMAIAH : I have just stated that it was done in one case. Later after the party paid the normal connecting and reconnecting charges, the supply was restored.

State Electricity Board

* 55 *Q.*—DR. A SREENIVASAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Electricity be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the attention of the Government has been drawn to the appointment in the State Electricity Board as a clerk of a woman who had already been debarred from employment in any department of public service for the alteration of her birth certificate, both by the Public Service Commission and the Government; and

(*b*) if so, the circumstances under which the appointment was made?

THE HON. SRI V. RAMAIAH : (*a*) & (*b*) Yes, Sir. The woman employee in question was in the service of the State Electricity Board as a steno-typist when the Government issued orders debarring her from employment in Public Service. After the debarment

order was issued, the Government requested the State Electricity Board to terminate her appointment, as they considered it undesirable to continue to employ under the Board any person who has been debarred from Government service. The Board has not accepted the view of the Government. The matter is being further examined by the Government.

Dr. A. SREENIVASAN : Sir, what is the constitutional relationship between the Electricity Board and the Government of Madras who are lending so much money to the Electricity Board?

The Hon. Sri V. RAMAIAH : I am sure if the hon. Member will go through the Act he will find that Government have overall control over the Board. But under the Act as such, they are an autonomous body and in the matter of small appointments they have a right to appoint or dismiss as they like.

Dr. A. SREENIVASAN : Is it not a criminal offence to alter the date of birth in the certificte whether she be employed in Government service or quasi-government service? How can we condone it and how can the Government allow the Electricity Board to still allow the person to continue in employment?

The Hon. Sri V. RAMAIAH : The Government took a serious ncte of it—the alteration of the date of birth in the certificate of birth—and they have debarred her from employment. But the Electricity Board are, as I have said, an autonomous body and therefore we have asked them to consider the view of the Government in the matter instead of pressing the Board to accept the decision of the Government.

Dr. A. SREENIVASAN : If ultimately the Electricity Board were to disobey the orders of the Government, would the Government take suitable action against the candidate who had deliberately altered the date of birth in the certificate?

The Hon. Sri V. RAMAIAH : Sir, the 'If' has not yet arisen.

Harijan scholarships

* 56 *Q.*—Sri G. KRISHNAMOORTHY : Will the Hon. the Minister for Works be pleased to state whether there is any proposal to raise the income limit for the grant of Harijan scholarships to Harijan students in high schools?

The Hon. Sri P. KAKKAN : No, Sir.

Sri G. KRISHNAMOORTHY : வருமான வரையறை இப்போது எவ்வளவு? அது எந்த வருஷத்தில் முதலில் அமுலுக்கு வந்தது?

The Hon. Sri P. KAKKAN : இப்போது ரூ. 1,500 வரை. எந்தத் தேதியிலிருந்து அமுலுக்கு வந்தது என்பதைப்பற்றி இப்போது என்னிடத்தில் விவரமில்லை.